Supply of defective jackets to troops

128. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that ill fitted/defective jackets have been issued to troops this winter;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been initiated to ascertain the reasons behind the said lapses;

(c) if so, how many officers have been found responsible for the above poor quality of winter jackets; and

(d) if not, explain the reasons for not conducting the enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. K. ANTONY) (A) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Abandonment of IGMDP

129. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP), launched in 1983 headed by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, in DRDO is being abandoned;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the salient features of the missile developed under IGMDP during the two and half decades indicating the cost incurred in each;

(d) whether Government has received offer for joint collaboration/cooperation in the development of misssile technology from various countries; and

(e) the salient details thereof indicating the role and contributions by Indian Defence scientists being envisaged in proposed collaborations?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The following missiles and technology demonstration systems have been developed under Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP) :

- Agni, a technology demonstration project for re-entry technology.
- Prithvi, surface-to-air missile with 150,250 & 350 Km range for Army, Air Force and Navy.
- Akash, surface-to-air missile with a range of 25 Km and multi-target handling system.
- Nag, third generation "fire & forget" and "top attack" anti-tank missile.
- Development of Trishul missile system has been completed as technology demonstration.